

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

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### LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO:

Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM:

Kathie G. Brooks, Interim City Manager

DATE:

September 6, 2012

SUBJECT: Latest News and Upcoming Events

This Letter to Commission is provided to update you on activities at our Miami Beach Parks and Recreation Department.

Seniors' Summer Blast Party - On August 28th, the City of Miami Beach hosted the senior's Summer Blast at the Miami Beach Convention Center, managed by Global Spectrum. Approximately 500 seniors danced, mingled with friends and enjoyed complimentary combo meals. The Miami Beach Teen Club members helped serve food and refreshments as participants enjoyed a night of fun and entertainment.

Back to School Bash – On August 17<sup>th</sup>, the rain was not able to stop the party at the Back to School Bash! Over 750 children and adults attended the "Bash" that featured rides, food, music, arts & crafts and carnival games! With the end of the summer and the start of the school year, parents and kids really enjoyed the celebration!

#### COMING UP...

Movie in the Park – On September 7<sup>th</sup>, the North Shore Park Bandshell will be featuring the film "Battleship" as part of a series of ongoing "Movie in the Park" events held throughout the City and hosted by Parks and Recreation. "Battleship" is rated PG 13 and show time is 7:30 p.m.

Walking/Running Club - Beginning September 10<sup>th</sup>, Miami Beach Parks and Recreation will be kicking off their newest health initiative for adults (all ages welcome) with their FREE walking and running clubs. These new clubs are designed to promote a more active and healthier lifestyle through a social and fun atmosphere. Clubs meet three to five times per week with various routes throughout Miami Beach. The City will also be offering a free 14-week ½ Marathon training program.

Bowling Nights for the Visual Impaired - Beginning September 14th, the Parks and Recreation Department's Special Populations program will be hosting Bowling Nights for the visual impaired at the Scott Rakow Youth Center. The event will be held every second Friday of the month from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. through December 2012. Participants will not only have a chance to better their bowling skills, but an opportunity to socialize and have a good time.

Please mark your calendar for these other upcoming event:

October 12, 2012 / 6 pm **Hispanic Heritage** North Shore Park Youth Center October 13, 2012 / 8:30 am Flamingo Park Youth Duathlon Movie in the Park Normandy Isle Park October 19, 2012 / TBA October 26, 2012 / TBA **Movie Nights** North Shore Bandshell October 31, 2012 / 6 pm North Shore Park Bandshell Safe Night of Fright October 31, 2012 / 6 pm Halloween Happenings Scott Rakow Youth Center

Should you have additional questions, please contact Kevin Smith at (305) 673-7730.

Max Sklar, Interim Assistant City Manager Kevin Smith, Parks & Recreation Director Julio Magrisso, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director

# Join Our NEW Fitness Clubs! Sere



### WALKING CLUB for adults

Join the free Miami Beach program "10,000 STEPS 2 HEALTH" (walk 1 to 5 miles). Earn monthly rewards with our miles program. Take your first step with us at this fun and social

activity. All ages welcome.

Begins: Sept 10 (ongoing)

START/END	LOCATION	DAY	TIME
Scott Rakow YC	2700 Sheridan Ave.	Mon.	9:30 am
Boardwalk	47 St. (Pavillion)	Wed.	9:30 am
City Hall	1700 Convention Ctr. Dr.	Wed.	6:00 pm
North Shore Park	501 72 Street	Fri.	9:30 am
South Pointe Park	1 Woshington Ave.	Sat.	9:30 am

## RUNNING CLUB for adults

Group social running, led by recreation personnel, flexible distance 1 to 5 miles or more. Get in shape fast! All ages welcome.

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SIGN UP FOR A FREE 14-WEEK 1/2 MARATHON TRAINING PROGRAM. CALL 305.673.7766

For additional program offerings: 305.673.7766 • www.miamibeachparks.com